

**Introduction:** Our market bulletin helps inform vendors, farmers and consumers of the types of fresh produce grown and sold for the month by its unit, price and total quantity in NZD\$. For further information, contact Ministry of Agriculture (Corporate Services) on phone number 28711 or email us at [moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck)

## Root Crops Sales



Maniota, Taro and Kumara continued to be the most consistently supplied root crop to the market. An increase in the supply of Kumara by 15% was noted for this month.

On the other hand, a reduction in the supply of Taro and Maniota by 54% and 48% was noted for this month. We believe this to be a result of vendors opting to bring only a few, and repeatedly commenting, on the few consumers buying from their stalls. Festive season and family gatherings was also a contributing factor for the decreased supply of these crops to the market. A minimal supply of Radish was also noted for this month.

Root Crops	December 2020				November 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Kumara	5	379.6	3.40	1,289.33	3	321.2
Taro	5	219.6	4.20	922.32	5	410.4
Maniota	3	114.1	3.30	376.53	7	235.9
Radish	1	10.0	8.00	80.00		

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Fruit Sales



An increase in the supply of fruits - Dragon fruit, Lime, Pineapple, drinking Nut and Watermelon was noted for this month. Peak season for Pineapple and Watermelon and warmer weather conditions were the key reasons for these increases.

On the contrary, a reduction in the supply of Capsicum, Eggplant, Pawpaw, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Beans and Corn was reported.

With an abundant supply of fruits on the island and few consumers purchasing from the markets, some farmers only harvested very few for their market and roadside stalls. Minimal quantities of other fruits - Mango, Lemon, Bitter Melon, Orange, Choko, Jackfruit, Soursop and Courgettes were also supplied to the market.

Fruits	December 2020				November 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Watermelon	7	3,468.2	3.20	11,098.08	5	2,047.6
Tomatoes	9	1,046.6	2.40	2,511.84	12	1,286.8
Pawpaw	12	733.3	3.20	2,346.56	13	1,166.9
Drinking Nut	12	670.5	3.90	2,617.58	11	562.7
Cucumber	9	512.0	3.50	1,792.00	10	711.3
Banana	14	439.2	3.90	1,712.88	13	487.1
Pineapple	9	425.9	7.60	3,237.14	5	396.4
Dragonfruit	8	285.2	5.30	1,511.45	1	56.0
Eggplant	8	237.9	3.00	713.70	8	513.0
Passionfruit	5	228.6	3.20	731.52	5	179.4
Capsicum	5	223.6	3.50	782.60	6	609.5
Beans	5	215.3	7.30	1,571.69	6	287.3
Corn	6	204.4	4.00	817.60	6	267.1
Pumpkin	5	139.7	3.40	474.98	6	198.1
Lime	4	103.8	3.40	352.92	3	36.2

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Vegetable Sales



Rukau, Lettuce, Cabbage and Pak Choi continues to be constantly supplied to the market but at a reduced rate. Fewer vendors supplying the vegetables and warmer weather conditions led to these reductions.

Vegetables	December 2020				November 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	11	229.7	7.00	1,607.90	10	381.2
Cabbage	3	121.4	3.00	364.20	4	250.3
Watercress	1	98.4	7.40	728.16	2	182.0
Pak Choi	4	78.4	3.00	235.20	7	203.3